

An aerial photograph of Newburgh, New York, showing the city's layout along the Hudson River. The image captures a mix of urban development, including residential neighborhoods, commercial buildings, and a large industrial or warehouse area near the waterfront. A prominent railway line runs through the center of the city. The harbor is filled with numerous boats and docks, and a bridge is visible in the upper right corner. The surrounding landscape is lush with green trees.

# A Harbor Management Plan for the City of Newburgh, New York

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# What is a harbor management plan?

*“COMPREHENSIVE HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN”*  
*shall mean a plan to address the problems of conflict, congestion, and competition for space in the use of harbors, surface waters and underwater lands of the state to a distance of fifteen hundred feet from shore.*

New York Executive Law, Article 42, Section 912

# Why is a harbor management plan important to Newburgh?

The plan will strengthen the City's ability to set and advance its own vision for the future of its waterfront and navigable waters on the Hudson River, in coordination with State and Federal agencies.





# What are some other benefits of a harbor management plan?

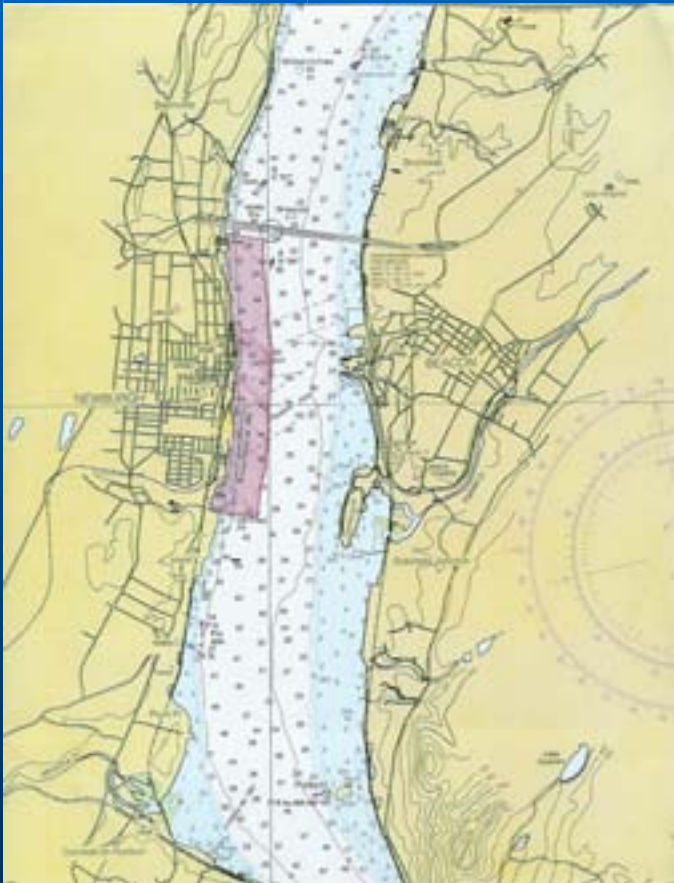
- Strengthens City authority over in-water and waterfront activities relative to State and Federal agencies;
- Requires State and Federal actions to be consistent with the plan;
- Establishes continuing forum to address public concerns;
- Increases coordination among agencies and stakeholders;
- Provides basis for capital and other projects; and
- Complements land-use planning and zoning.

# How does the harbor management plan relate to the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)?

The harbor management plan:

- will be part of the Newburgh LWRP;
- will be approved and adopted in the same manner as the LWRP; and
- will be prepared as a separate document (an appendix or supplement to the LWRP).

# What is the Harbor Management Area?



## The Newburgh Harbor Management Area (NHMA):

- defines the City's harbor management jurisdiction on the Hudson River;
- may include the waters to a distance of 1,500 feet from the City's shoreline; and
- is the geographical area within which the harbor management plan is applied and enforced.

**The shoreline of the NHMA  
extends from Quassaick Creek on  
the south to the Newburgh-  
Beacon Bridge on the north.**



















































# What are the basic steps in the harbor management planning process?

## **Phase One: Inventory and Analysis**

Existing conditions

The “institutional framework”

Harbor management issues

## **Phase Two: Plan Formulation**

Goals and objectives

Harbor management policies

Water-use plans and projects

Responsibilities for implementation

## **Phase Three: Plan Approval and Adoption**



# Existing Conditions of the NHMA



- Conditions Affecting Navigation
- Environmental Conditions and Coastal Resources
- Water-Dependent Uses and Facilities
- Waterfront Land-Use and Development
- Planning and Development Initiatives Affecting the NHMA



# The “Institutional Framework” for Harbor Management



- City of Newburgh
- Neighboring Towns
- Orange County
- State of New York
- Federal Government
- The General Public
- Waterfront Property Owners
- Private Organizations



# Harbor Management Issues



- Public health, safety, & welfare issues
- Environmental quality issues
- Water-use and navigation issues
- “Institutional framework” issues
- Waterfront development & land-use issues
- Public access issues
- Recreational boating issues
- Commercial/industrial issues



# Harbor Management Goals, Objectives, and Policies

The City's harbor management goals, objectives, and policies will be developed to address the identified issues. The goals and objectives will establish the foundation for the plan.

The policies will be more detailed than the goals and objectives and will also guide decisions affecting the NHMA.





# Preliminary Goals

1. Public interest, support, and participation
2. Active and coordinated management of the NHMA by the City
3. Viable water-dependent facilities and uses
4. Beneficial recreational uses
5. Vital commercial/industrial facilities
6. Natural resource conservation and enhancement
7. Sustainable economic growth and development
8. Public health, safety, and welfare
9. Public access to the NHMA
10. Effective City management of waterfront land-use
11. Cultural enrichment

# Harbor Management Policies

The harbor management policies will be consistent with New York's coastal management policies, and organized into several categories:

- Administration and Coordination Policies
- Public Health, Safety and Welfare Policies
- Navigation and Water-Use Policies
- Environmental Quality Policies
- Recreational Boating Policies
- Commercial/Industrial Policies
- Public Access Policies
- Waterfront Development and Land-Use Policies



# Site-specific Recommendations



Site-specific guidelines and project recommendations will add more detail to the plan. These will include recommended capital projects that can be implemented as funds may become available.

The plan map will be prepared to show the guidelines and recommendations.

# Plan Implementation Responsibilities

Plan implementation will be pursued through the coordinated actions of all City, State, and Federal agencies with programs and authorities that affect the NHMA. Private groups and individuals as well as the general public will also contribute to plan implementation through voluntary initiatives.



# How is the plan approved and adopted?

- 1) Submittal to DOS for review and comments
- 2) City adoption of plan and local laws for implementation
- 3) Submittal to Secretary of State for approval
- 4) Local laws become effective
- 5) Incorporation of plan into New York Coastal Management Program

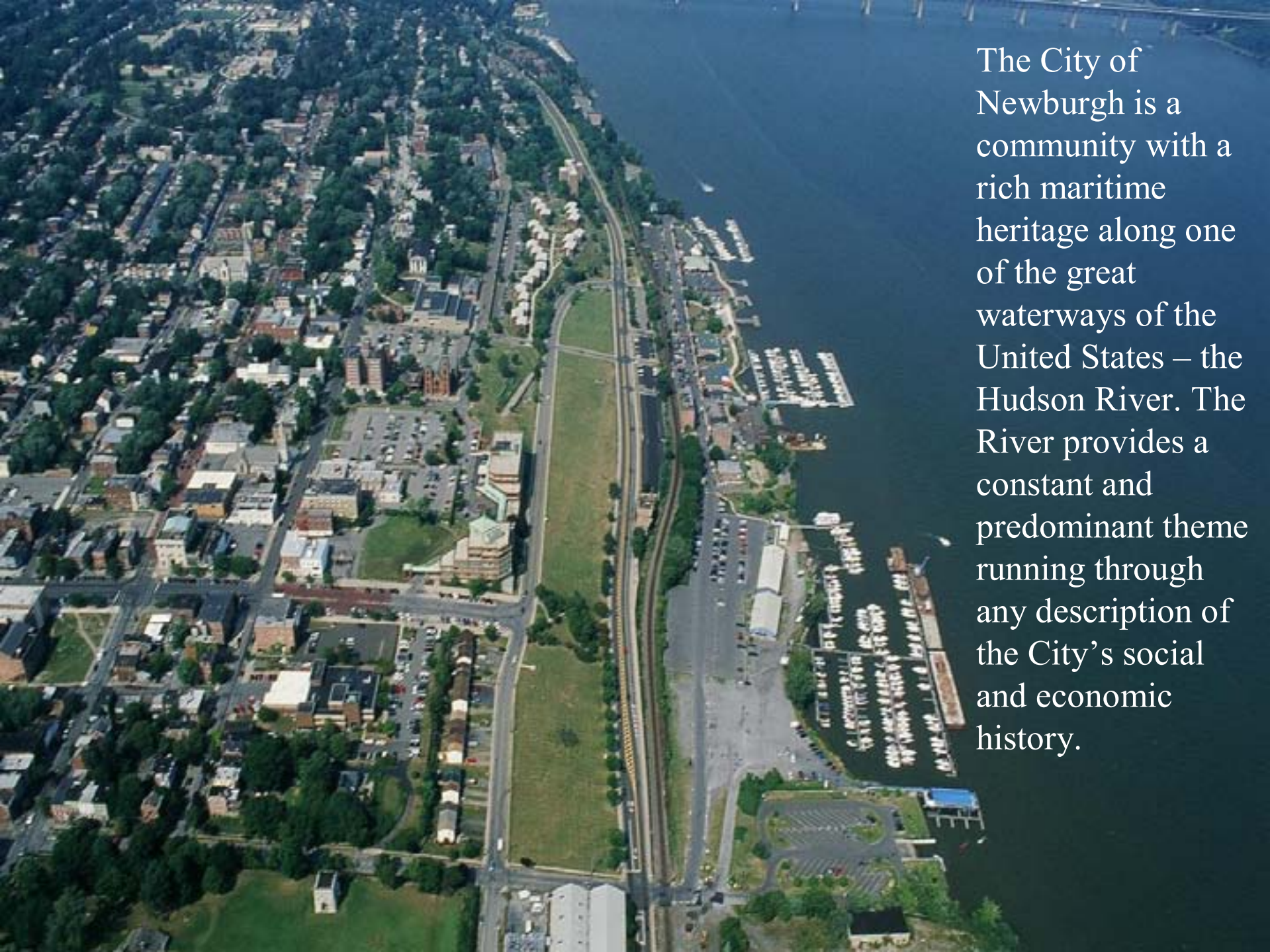
# Why is community involvement important?

The harbor management plan must represent the rights and interests of Newburgh's citizens.

An effective harbor management program is an ongoing, evolving process requiring continued public interest, awareness, and support.

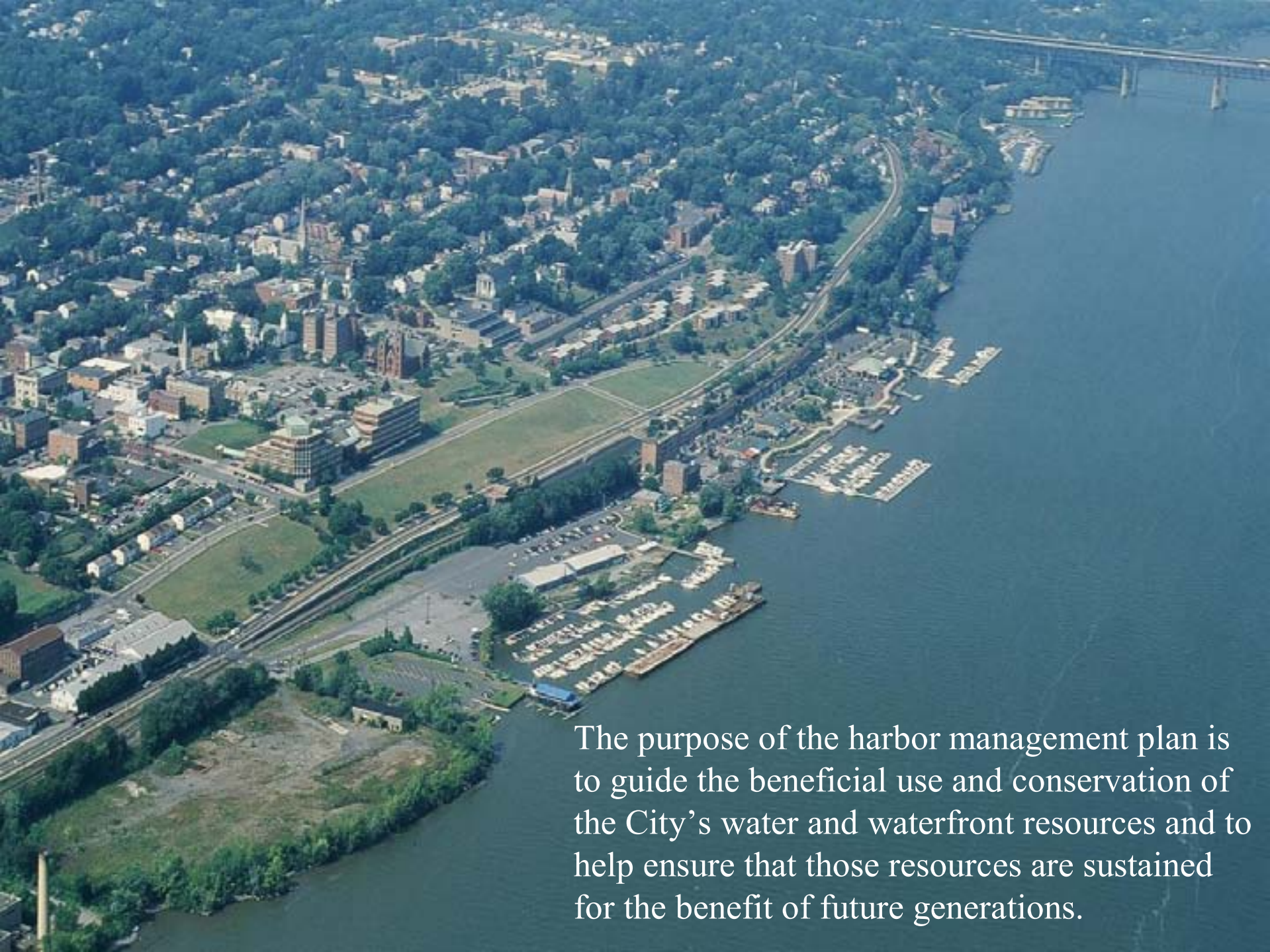






The City of Newburgh is a community with a rich maritime heritage along one of the great waterways of the United States – the Hudson River. The River provides a constant and predominant theme running through any description of the City's social and economic history.





The purpose of the harbor management plan is to guide the beneficial use and conservation of the City's water and waterfront resources and to help ensure that those resources are sustained for the benefit of future generations.